



23 December 2025

Right to Know

Email address: [requests@righttoknow.ie](mailto:requests@righttoknow.ie)

**Re: AIE request 081-2025**

Dear Sir

I refer to the request made by Right to Know under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011, S.I. 615 of 2014 and S.I. No. 309 of 2018) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations) for an internal review of the decision to partially refuse access to records requested by Right to Know.

**Result of the internal review of this decision**

As you will be aware from the acknowledgement of your request for an internal review, I was assigned to review your request. I made a decision on this review on 23 December 2025.

I have examined the 6 records relevant to this request. I affirm the decision of the original decision maker, as follows:-

- (a) to grant access in full to four records;
- (b) to grant access to one record with some information redacted by reason of Article 8(a)(i) – personal information relating to a third party; and
- (c) to refuse access to one record under Articles 8(a)(iv) and 9(2)(c) of the AIE Regulations:

*“8. A public authority shall not make available environmental information in accordance with article 7 where disclosure of the information—*

*(a) would adversely affect—*

*(iv) without prejudice to paragraph (b), the confidentiality of the proceedings of public authorities, where such confidentiality is otherwise protected by law (including the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 with respect to exempt records within the meaning of those Acts)”*



*“9. (2) A public authority may refuse to make environmental information available where the request—  
(c) concerns material in the course of completion, or unfinished documents or data”*

### **Schedule of records**

I have attached a schedule of records with this letter. This lists the records relevant to your request. It provides a brief description of each record and the decision I have made on each record. Where I have decided to refuse or partially refuse access to a record, it specifies the Article(s) of the AIE Regulations under which this refusal has been made. It also records how I have applied the public interest test pursuant to Article 10(3) and 10(4).

I would add that it is confirmed that deer management plans, including impact assessments, establishment of deer density/numbers, surveys, cull returns, etc, that would make up a deer management plan where there is no single document available, are not currently in place for other NPWS sites (including those specifically referenced in your appeal request).

### **Emissions**

In reaching the above decision and where information has been refused under Article 8 and/or 9(1)(c), I have, in accordance with Article 10(1), examined whether your request relates to information on emissions into the environment and have determined that it does not.

### **Public interest test**

Furthermore, in accordance with Article 10(3) and 10(4), I have weighed the public interest served by disclosure against the interest served by a specific refusal in relation to your request. I have determined that the public interest would not be served by disclosing the record in question, which is currently at draft stage, in advance of its finalisation. It is however intended that the record in question will be finalised in Q1 2026.

### **Right of Appeal**

In accordance with Article 12(3) of the AIE Regulations you may appeal this decision to the Commissioner for Environmental Information.

If you wish to appeal, you must do so, within one month of receipt of this notification, to:



The Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information,  
6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.  
Phone: +353-1-639 5689  
Email: [info@ocei.ie](mailto:info@ocei.ie)

It is also possible to appeal online, see the website of the Commissioner for further details <https://www.ocei.ie/>.

The fee for such an appeal is €50 or €15 if you are the holder of a medical card or the dependent of the holder of a medical card.

**Contact details**

Please contact me at [diarmuid.o'leary@housing.gov.ie](mailto:diarmuid.o'leary@housing.gov.ie) if I can assist you in any matter relating to your request.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Diarmuid O'Leary'.

Diarmuid O'Leary  
Principal Officer